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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM BERN DATED MAY 18, 1977
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TAGS: AORG EARG FAO SZ

SUBJ: FAO PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET 1978/79

REF: STATE 101957 AND BERN 1999

1. EMBOFF RAISED SUBJECT DURING MAY 13 MEETING ON
UNDP AFFAIRS WITH BEAT JENNY, CHIEF OF MULTILATERAL
AFFAIRS SECTION, SWISS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE.
JENNY SAID THAT HE HAD CONSULTED WITH OTHER SWISS
GOVT OFFICES AND BELIEVES THAT SWISS VIEWS NOT
VERY DIFFERENT THAN THOSE OF US, THOUGH SWISS HAVE
NOT YET FORMED THEIR POSITION ON FAO BUDGET AND WORK
PROGRAM.

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2. JENNY SAID SWISS AGREE THAT UNDP SHOULD BE BASIC
SOURCE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING. HE
NOTED THAT CURRENT FAO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(TCP) RECEIVES 90 PERCENT FUNDING FROM UNDP
AND 10 PERCENT FROM ITS OWN FUND BUDGET. SWISS
BELIEVE THIS RATIO SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED. HOWEVER,
SWISS FEEL THERE IS NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY TO FILL

IN GAPS AND BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY
SITUATIONS, E.G., IF UNDP IS TOO SLOW TO ACT OR
IF THERE IS NEED TO AWAIT ANOTHER FIVE-YEAR UNDP
PROGRAMMING CYCLE. SWISS RELUCTANT TO SEE UNDP
PRIMARY ENFORCED TO EXTENT THAT PROGRAMS OF OTHER
AGENCIES LIKE FAO MIGHT BE HANDSTRUNG.

3. SWISS AGREE THAT PRESENT TIME IS APPROPRIATE
TO EVALUATE FAO TCP, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED ON EXPERIMENTAL
BASIS, BEFORE TCP IS REGULARIZED AND CONTINUED.
SWISS FEEL THAT EAR-MARKING SOME PORTION OF BUDGET
FOR EMERGENCY WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, BUT AMOUNT STILL
IN QUESTION. SWISS PRESENTLY FEEL THAT MORE THAN
DOLLARS 5 MILLION IS NECESSARY, BUT LESS THAN
DOLLARS 20 MILLION.

4. SWISS BELIVE 14 PERCENT UNDP OVERHEAD PAYMENT
IS TOO HIGH. SWISS FEEL THAT AGENCIES RECEIVING
LARGEST PERCENT OF THEIR FUNDING FROM UNDP SHOULD
PAY LOWER OVERHEAD. DAVIS UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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